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Libby Nesvold, D.V.M. Fort Lee Animal Hospital 534 10th Street Palisades Park, NJ 07650

RE:

Case #95-33

Christine Mulligan

Dear Dr. Nesvold:

Please be advised that its meeting on April 19, 1995 the Board determined that a fine of \$250.00 be imposed for unprofessional conduct in refusing to return Mrs. Christine Mulligan's cat, "Spunky" when the treatment was completed. You refused to return the cat to its owner, unless the bill was fully paid is a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

You are hereby afforded the opportunity to dispose of this matter without a hearing and without recourse to litigation by executing the attached form and returning it to the Board within ten (10) days together with your remittance made payable to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in the amount of \$250.00

If you wish a hearing in this matter, you may request same within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. At the time of hearing, you may appear with counsel of your choice and with witness and documentary evidence. If no request for a hearing is received within the period stated above, the Board will make its determination on the evidence in the record and will take such action as may be allowed by law.

If you request a hearing, the Board will not be bound to the terms stated in this letter, and may, after presentation and evaluation of all the evidence presented, impose any of the sanctions contained in N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 which include revocation or suspension of licensure, and assessment of penalties up to \$2,500.00 per violation. You should also be aware that the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement.

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Additionally, the Board may, if the facts warrant, enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of all costs involved in this matter and may direct that you cease and desist from the continued practice of acts found to be unlawful by the Board.

If you do not reply to this letter within the required ten (10) day period, then the Board may assess additional penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21, based on the fact that you have failed to respond to official Board correspondence.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Janousek Executive Director

CAJ/ms Enc.

cc: Brenda Lewis, DAG

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CERTIFICATION

I, Libby Nesvold, D.V.M., hereby admit to the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and remit herewith a certified check or money order in the amount of \$250.00.
I admit to the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) but wish to submit a written explanation to the Board to use as a mitigating factor in determining a final civil penalty.
I am not guilty of this violation and request an administrative hearing on this matter.

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